

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Moore on June 9, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

- Claim 1 has been cancelled

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 2-15** allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

4. **Claims 2 and 9** are allowed because the closest prior art, Nanji et al. (US Patent 6,920,503) and Borden et al. (US Patent 6,785,264), fails to anticipate or render obvious the concept of defining an association between the first client layer controller and the second server layer call controller within the second layer of the network, enabling a call segment in a client layer to be aware of the associated calls/connections in a server layer in combination with all other limitations in the claim (s) as defined by applicant.

Nanji et al. discloses switching tunneling if a first connection can not be established and Borden et al. disclose a inter-work between access protocols which allows the connection to be establish on different layers when one layer connection is not available or could not be

established, but does not define an association by the call controller between the first and second layer within the second layer.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MON CHERI S. DAVENPORT whose telephone number is (571)270-1803. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema Rao can be reached on 571-272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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